

Thursday Morning, April 2, 1868.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Transient Advertisements must be paid for in advance to insure insertion.

TO AGENTS.

Settlements of accounts will be required monthly, or the amount of unpaid bills will be discounted. The daily and weekly issues will be furnished at the lowest cash rates and no exception will in future be made to this rule.

The debate on the Capital Message in the Legislative Council will commence to day; and in the face of the remarkable despatch from the Secretary for the Colonies to Governor Seymour, we do not look for any very strenuous opposition on the part of official members to the removal of the capital to Victoria. One or two warped intellects which have come to believe that the only place on which the warm rays of the sun fall is New Westminster—that all the patriotism, wisdom and wealth of the country is concentrated within the limits of that town—will doubtless indulge in acrimonious remarks towards Victoria, its people and representatives. They may go so far as to attack "our worthy Governor" for the failure of his efforts to retain the Seat of Government at New Westminster; they may even accuse him of having been insincere—with secretly favoring Victoria while openly advocating New Westminster interests; but all this can avail nothing. So far as we can see, the despatch leaves the Governor but little discretion in the matter; and in order to relieve him of any responsibility his Excellency is authorized to quote the opinion of the Home Government in support of Victoria's claims. Language could not be plainer. The Home Government is in favor of the election of Victoria as the capital, and we have not now the slightest fear of pressure being brought to bear upon the Government members to force them to perpetrate an act of injustice toward this city. The opposition from the official benches will be weak; some will cast their votes with New Westminster; but they will be well satisfied before doing so that a sufficiently heavy vote will be cast in favor of Victoria to insure the removal of the capital. The vote will be a mere matter of form. The question of compensation to New Westminster for holders is disposed of in an equally unimpeachable manner by the Duke of Buckingham. The despatch says:—"Every land purchaser in New Westminster or any other locality must be considered to buy his land subject to the possible changes which the varying political or commercial interests of the whole community may from time to time render necessary." After this decided expression on the part of the Colonial Office any effort in the direction of reimbursement will be superfluous. A compensation resolution may be introduced into the Council by one of the "warped intellects"; but it will stand little prospect of passing. We are aware that a few kindhearted persons think that the officials who invested their means in the purchase or erection of houses at New Westminster, while laboring under the impression that New Westminster would always remain the capital, are entitled to a substantial mark of public sympathy for their presumed losses, and that at least a portion of the means they have sacrificed should be refunded from the public chest. But there is no proof that New Westminster will not be benefited by the change. We believe the removal of the seat of Government will awaken the sleeping energies of the people and cause them to turn their attention to other and more remunerative sources of profit than those deriving from official patronage. Admit, however, the principle in the case officials, and where will a line be drawn? Establish a precedent by the compensation of one class, and how can it be withheld from every class? We cannot see that any official who through years of hard, biting poverty has enjoyed a good salary, while hundreds of citizens quite as worthy, as intelligent and as valuable have lost not only their property but their situations into the bargain;—we cannot see, we say, why the man who amid the reverses of the Colony has retained his situation unimpaired should be compensated for having made a bad investment in real estate, while the man who has lost both money and employment must turn away emptyhanded. If it were proper to compensate anyone, we should certainly select the man who has lost his all, in preference to the man who retains unimpaired the means of gaining a livelihood. But sympathy with distress is one thing and ability to relieve it another. The Council may overflow with sentimentalism, yet its inability—it is no other cause intervened—to furnish substantial evidence of its feeling would provide an excuse for its refusal to do so. We live in a practical age—an age when sentimentalism must give way to expediency; and supposing the losses of the New Westministers to be real (which we deny) the colony is no more bound to repay to them than that it is bound to remunerate a miner for money and time expended upon a worthless mining claim or a merchant for a bad investment in flour, bacon or beans."

New Advertisements.

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By Electric Telegraph

SPECIAL TO THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST.

LAST NIGHT'S DESPATCHES.

Europe.

London, March 30—(Midnight).—In the House of Lords this evening Lord Malmesbury disclaimed any intention upon the part of the English Government to interfere in the affairs of Paraguay.

In the House of Commons the petitions in favor and against the Irish Church establishment were read.

Mr. Gladstone, after calling for the reading of the Acts of Parliament in relation to the Irish Church, moved for the House to proceed to consider them. He declared the time had come when the Irish Church should cease to exist as a State establishment. He would not add the details of the means by which this was to be brought about, because it was not the duty of the opposition to arrange them. All the proprietary rights should

be given up, and the salary of the salaried clergy paid by the State connected with the Church. A fund for the benefit of Ireland should be created from the balances of the incomes of the Church. Mr. Gladstone proceeded to explain that the liberal party had not dealt with this question, because it had never been presented in as concrete a shape as at the present time both parties he said were excusable for neglecting the subject because the public sense had not been fully aroused in regard to it. He repelled the charge of apostasy which had been made against him. Speaking of measure which should be adopted, he recommended that the Churches and parsonages should be left to the clergy and those who chose to maintain them. He would indemnify the owner of the Advowson. After further arguments Mr. Gladstone closed with an appeal to the House to take some definite action.

Lord Stanley replied, opposing too hasty action in the matter, saying that the House should wait until the commission on the Irish Church should make a report. He concluded by moving his resolution of which he gave notice on last Friday, that the subject be left over for the consideration of the next Parliament.

Lord Cranbourne moved that the resolution disestablishing the Irish Church, should be settled now, and that details be left to the next Parliament.

The Bill for abolishing flogging in the army has passed the House of Commons.

Eastern States.

New York, March 30.—The State Department is corresponding with the British Government with the view of forming a treaty recognizing the rights of naturalized citizens. Apparently no doubts exist that such a treaty will soon be satisfactorily concluded. It will provide for the character and features of the treaty just concluded with the North German Confederation.

An official order was issued to-day relieving Hancock of the command of the fifth District and assigning him to the command of the Department of the Atlantic.

The Abyssinian War.

Advices are from Abyssinia to the 21st. The British captives were safe and well on the 17th of February. King Theodore is strongly posted, having guns and mortars defending his position on the table land in the neighborhood of Magdalla.

California.

San Francisco, March 31.—Legal Tenders 712@72.

Flour Sales, 400 bbls Imperial Oregon extra, \$7 50.

Wheat Sales, 250 sacks good milling, \$2 47 1/2; 400 sacks, \$2 40.

Bailey, quiet at \$1 95 and \$2 05.

Oats, \$1 27 1/2@\$2 30.

Arrived March 29—Bark Kutusoff, Port Gamble; bark Leonore, Port Blakely; bark Entine, Victor, Teekalot.

Sailed, March 28—Bark Chris. Mitchell, Port Madison.

San Francisco, March 31.—The steamer Golden City sailed for Panama this morning carrying 500 passengers.

The steamer China arrived this afternoon.

Arrived, March 30—Bark Oakland, Port Ludlow; bark Buena Vista, from Port Gamble.

Cleared—Steamer Constantine, for Victoria.

Sailed, March 30—Brig North Star, Portland.

DANCING CLASSES.—Mrs. Digby Palmer will open a dancing class for the instruction of juveniles at Mrs. Wilson Brown's school on the first week in April. The class will meet every Monday and Thursday afternoon at half-past three o'clock. Boys admitted up to eight years of age.

ALL FOOL'S DAY.—Yesterday numerous harmless jokes were played upon unsuspecting innocence by designing wags. A broker was deluged with notes informing him that the alleged writers wished to invest large sums of money, and requesting him to call at addresses indicated, which he, accepting fat commissions, lost no time in doing. It is needless to say that the parties whose names were signed to the notes knew nothing about the engagements that had been made for them; as for investing money, they seemed more anxious to borrow than to lend. On Tuesday, a spruce young man who has a much better opinion of himself than we fear others entertain, received a note in a pretty female hand requesting him to meet the writer on Beacon Hill at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning. The recipient appeared punctually on the spot, but the damsel failed to come to time. A gentleman and lady got an invitation to attend a regatta to come off in Esquimalt harbor at 10 o'clock. Procuring a horse and buggy, they drove nearly to Esquimalt, before they ascertained that "the day we celebrate" was All Fool's. Another couple, whose passages are secured on the California, received intelligence that the steamer was outside and to leave in two hours for below. They were put to the trouble of packing their luggage before a friend referred them to the newspaper to learn the date. Mysterious looking packages, sealed letters, coins with strings attached, and numerous other devices were resorted to, to entrap the unwary, and many were the hearty laughs indulged in at the expense of the "sold" parties.

MECHANICS' LITERARY INSTITUTE.—At a meeting of the committee of this Institute, the resignation of Mr. W. K. Bell, the zealous Secretary for the past year, was accepted, with many expressions of regret at the retirement of so valuable an officer. Mr. T. Allsop was elected to the vacant position. Mr. W. K. Bell was elected a member of the committee. It was announced that eighty dollars had been expended in new novels, a list of which is given below, and the library committee were empowered to expend \$250 in the purchase of new books in London:—

Sixteen novels of Charles Dickens, forming with those now in the library, a complete set of that author; Thackeray's English Humorists of the 19th Century Newcomes, Pendennis, Lovel the Widower; Roundabout Papers, Memoirs of the Prince Consort, Kinglake's Eothen and Undine and Cintre; Trollope's Barchester Towers Small House of Allington, Last Chronicle of Barset; Don Quixote; Butler Lytton's Pelham and Disowned; Samuel Warren's Diary of a Late Physician. Unbound—Samuel Warren's Ten Thousand a Year; 4 novels by Dumas—Monte Christo, Edmund Dantes, Bragelonne and The Three Guardsmen; 3 novels by Miss Braddon—Henry Dunbar, Only a Clod, The Lady Lise; 2 novels by Wilkie Collins—After Dark, Yellow Mask; 2 novels by Charlotte Bronte—Shirley, Jane Eyre; Ruth, by Mrs. Gaskell; The Attic, by Sam Stuck; Felix Holt, by George Eliot; Napoleon and Blucher, by Miss Muhlbach; Artemus Ward his Book; and 15 others by Mrs. Henry Wood, Charles Lever, Frederika Bremer and others.

THE CIRCUS.—The performance at Bartholomew's Circus on Tuesday evening was unusually entertaining by the introduction of several new pieces. The original trick of walking round the ring with his fore feet on a barrel by the trained pony Napoleon, is one of the most wonderful we ever saw performed, and the daring leap through a blazing hoop is truly an interesting as well as exciting spectacle. The concluding piece of Dick Turpin's ride to York, although given with some interest, requires further study and practice to make it a success. Mr. Bartholomew will give another entertainment to-morrow evening, and Dick Turpin will be repeated, when we have no doubt the defects of the first exhibition of this famous act will be corrected.

MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW YORK.—Hundreds of the older policy-holders in this Company have nothing to pay, their dividends more than equaling their premiums. The plan of the company is strictly a *lump sum* policy-holder participation in the profits. It makes no dividend annually and pays them at the end of each and every year. Many of our prominent citizens whose lives are insured in the Company can testify to the correctness of these statements. Every man should make provision for those dependent upon him, and in no better mode can this be effected than by insuring his life in the Mutual, of which Mr. Wm T. Walker is the agent in this city.

OPPOSITION.—In addition to the movements in steamship communication mentioned yesterday, we hear that the purchasers of the Russian Fur Company's establishment at Sitka intend converting the steamers acquired by that purchase into passenger vessels and, in conjunction with other steamers now on the way from the East, intend instituting a strong opposition to the California Oregon and Mexico Steamship Company on this coast. There be cheap fares in prospect.

MAPLE SUGAR.—Oregon is turning her attention to the manufacture of maple sugar, a product which cannot fail in proving highly remunerative. There are extensive tracts covered with maple-trees in the vicinity of New Westminster; but no efforts have as yet been made to turn them to advantages by the inhabitants of that city. Some enterprising Capitalist might realize a handsome profit by turning his attention to this branch of industry at the proper season.

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VICTORIA RIFLE CORPS.—Position drill

Tuesday and Friday at 8 p.m. By Order

J. GORDON VINTER, Lieut and Adjutant.

Municipal Council.

Tuesday, March 31, 1868. Council met at 7 o'clock, p.m. His Worship the Mayor in the chair.

Present—Councillors Gibbs, Crump, and McKay.

Minutes of previous meeting read and adopted.

Communication from H. F. Heisterman, agent for Wilson and Adams, applying for reut, was read and referred to the Finance Committee to report upon at next meeting.

Communication from N. I. Neustadt, relative to making excavations in the streets were read, and upon motion request complied with.

Communication from W. J. Doane, asking permission to repair sidewalk. Permission granted.

Communication from R. Bevan in reference to an amount of an account transferred from W. S. S. Green, was read, and on motion, placed on file.

Communication from Wm. Lusch, relative to the grand stand at Beacon Hill Park, was read and placed on file.

Council adjourned.

TIT FOR TIR.—Recently the U. S. steamer Lackawanna steamed into the port of Honolulu, and dropped anchor alongside the British war ship Chancillon. The British captain immediately set his band to playing Dixie, his crew applauding. The American captain at once reported by giving the John Bull's the benefit of "Wee-ee of the Green," by a full band which was received with three cheers by the crowd on the wharf. *Californian paper.*

The romance will be knocked out of the fact that the Chancillon carries no band.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Hutchinson took place yesterday from St. Andrew's Church. The attendance was very large. Rev. Mr. Somerville officiated and delivered an impressive discourse. The church-choir (to which Mrs. Hutchinson was organist) sang two appropriate hymns, the organ remaining untouched. A large procession, in which were many ladies, followed the remains to their last resting place.

ENGLISH HOPS thrive well here. An experimental crop of several acres was tried at Saanich a year ago, and the yield was all that could be desired. We are not informed whether the culture will be extended this year or not; but it certainly appears that with both soil and climate in its favor, little difficulty would be experienced in producing hops in sufficient quantity to at least supply the local demand.

THE STEAMSHIP CALIFORNIA, six days from Sitka, via Nasaimo, arrived at 12 o'clock last night and will sail at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning for San Francisco. The Fidelitor had not arrived at Sitka when the California sailed.

FORFEITED.—Two knives, the property of Mr. Q. C. and Johnny, natives of the Songhai tribe, were duly confiscated to the Crown yesterday, in consequence of their being carried in an unlawful manner by the proprietors thereof.

EARLY.—We were shown some asparagus yesterday, a sample of four pounds out from the garden of Mr. Pritchard, which is equal to any that has hitherto been produced on this Island of at least two weeks' later date.

A MONSTROSITY.—A pauper measuring eight feet was brought to town by Indians yesterday. He is kin to the fellow that wrought such sad havoc among the sheep in Victoria District.

PATENT.—Mr. P. Cadell is about to apply for a patent for the gold separator, alluded to at length in these columns some weeks ago. His application is backed by a large number of influential citizens.

ACTORIES.—J. P. Davies will hold an extensive sale this morning of clothing, boots, shoes and bregans, hats, caps, dry goods, furnishing goods, etc. The sale will commence with boots and shoes.

MAILS COMING.—The steamer Constantine cleared at San Francisco for Victoria on Tuesday. It is believed she has our English and Canadian mails aboard.

DRUNKS.—There were three cases of drunkenness before the Police Court yesterday, and three fines of five shillings each, paid as penalties.

A CONFEDERATION meeting will be held on Monday evening at New Westminster. The ball is rolling!

SENSIBLE!—Even the Columbian is going in for "immediate Confederation." Well, wonders will never cease!

THE ENTERPRISE returned from the River yesterday afternoon with a few passengers and about \$20,000 in treasure.

THE REGATTA.—The first race will commence at 1 o'clock, this p.m., and the last race at 4 p.m.

THE U. S. S. LINCOLN reached San Francisco on Monday.

HOLLOWAY PILLS.—Restorative Treatment It has been confirmed by the experience of thirty years that these Pills constitute the best alternative and tonic medicine hitherto available by the public. It is enough to say that a short course of these purifying Pills have in numberless cases been marked by the most gratifying results, when the invalids were becoming daily weaker and worse, though no particular disease could be detected. Holloway's Pills purify the source of life, re-kindling the fading energies, revive the sick and delicate, and raise up the broken-down. This medicine is especially recommendable because it is well suited to the community at large, and its innocent nature precludes the possibility of its causing mischief under any circumstance whatever.

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IF YOU WISH THE VERY BEST CABINET PHOTOGRAPHS, you must call on BRADLEY & RULOFSON, 429 Montgomery street, San Francisco.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

FRIDAY, March 27th.

The details of the business of this day I have already telegraphed, but there are still a few particulars to be given to make the report complete, which it was impossible for me to prepare in time for the last mail.

The first motion of Hon. DeCosmo, relating to the pre-emption sales, and leases of Crown Land, seconded by Hon. Stamp, was carried without debate; while the second of the hon. member requesting His Excellency the Governor to change the Constitution of the Council so as to make two-thirds of its members elective, was postponed at the request of the hon. member, inasmuch as important news from Canada, daily expected, might make it unnecessary.

Hon. Robson, seconded by hon. DeCosmo, moved an address to His Excellency, enquiring whether any Official Report had been prepared upon the probable route through British Columbia of the proposed overland road to Canada; and requesting that copies of such report (if any) together with all other official information bearing on the same subject may be laid before the Council.

Hon. Hall desired to be informed what originated this motion?

Hon. Robson replied, His Excellency had stated publicly that a charter had been granted to parties to build a road, independent of the Bute Inlet road, and he made the motion because he understood official action to have been taken on the matter.

Supreme Court's Bill second reading then came up.

Hon. Helmcken at once suggested an adjournment of its further consideration at present; and it that was not granted, he should feel it his duty to move an amendment.

Hon. Robson objected to postponing the bill there being no other business before the House.

Hon. Astbury Gaterall thought it had already postponed the second reading to meet the convenience of the Island and legal members, he thought that ought to satisfy them in not wishing a further postponement, as it did him in not complying with the suggestion. The hon. gentlemen then proceeded directly to recapitulate the main particulars of the bill, the publication of which renders no extended report of his remarks unnecessary.

Hon. Walkom confessed at once he did not like the bill; in fact the colony did not want Supreme Court at all, for they might be submitted by District Courts, and thus do away with distinctions which in a new and thinly populated country like this know from experience were both absurd and vexatious. If Supreme Courts were retained they must be established at the extreme points of the country, and thus creditors in Victoria recovering from debtors at Cariboo and vice versa, still suffer from a system which often rendered it wise to be the debtors.

Much of this, if not all, could be obviated by the establishment of District Courts. He approved of there being two Judges, for one would be required in Cariboo, the chief mining territory, and the other in Victoria, the chief commercial city. He disliked the 9th clause which brought the Judges together on the bench by mutual request. Suppose they differed, who had the power to compel them to sit together? This would certainly have been compulsory, for the same thing under the old regime had been very unsatisfactory to suitors, lawyers and judges. Again, he thought the bill would have come with more grace if, as we are given to understand, it emanates from home; if it had come when the fluorescence first arose. The honorable and learned member regretted he had not had more time to digest the bill thoroughly, and should content himself at present with supporting a postponement, hoping eventually the bill would be either rejected or materially changed.

Hon. Woods attacked the bill severely, but spoke altogether too hasty to be reported fully. He thought the postponement should be carried without hesitation. Every person had been kept in the dark, not only of the merits, but almost of the existence of the bill.

For the first time, he saw it in print yesterday in the Colonist. Was it due sufficient for himself and brother lawyers to study the provisions of the bill materially? He thought it the protestation had been infamously treated in the matter. He had read it enough however to satisfy himself that it did not in any way injure the public interest, and that the profession and public were heartily tired of, and he should therefore vote for the postponement.

Hon. Helmcken thought the house overlooked one very grave objection to the bill, for in his opinion it really held out a premium for the most atrocious of crimes, murder. In clause 11 provision was made on the death of either Chief Justice, for the appointment of a puisne Judge, with a salary of £1000 a year. In this case be pined the *gentlemen holding that distinguished position*. The *attorney general* might be *accused* of *malice*, and either by poison or dagger, himself work off one of his chief, in order to reach the bench. He fully concurred with all that was urged against the bill in general by the learned members who preceded him, and should strenuously oppose any immediate action being taken in its favor.

